

BILL ANALYSIS

CS HB 3813
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Culture, Recreation & Tourism
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BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The committee substitute changes the following language:

- Section 217.901 subsection (b) updates language to remove "or live music venue"
- Section 217.901 subsection (b)(1) updates the language to increase the decibels from 75 to 85.

COVID-19 has been detrimental to the Texas Live music industry. With concerts being cancelled and venues shuttered countless businesses have struggled to survive. One area has made it even more difficult for some of these venues to continue to stay open with overburdensome regulations. This is a time when we as Texans should be cutting through the red tape instead of expanding it for businesses.

House Bill 3818 allows live music venues and bars to play music at a reasonable level until 2am.

Currently you can play music until 2am inside, but city regulations have stopped the playing of outside music and countless venues and bars are being cited by a sound enforcement division from the city.

There is an unfair playing field in Austin where venues and bars only a block away from the entertainment district are unable to compete with the ones in the district as patrons prefer to go to an establishment where music is being played at a normal level.

This bill will help the hospitality and live music industry rebound by providing more opportunities for establishments to showcase some of Texas' best music talent. In the end this legislation could help produce more revenue as the sales and mixed beverage tax collections would increase at venues unable to play music at a normal level currently.